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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 14-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 14-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 08/18/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With respect to claims 1-11 and 14-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Chor et al (6,141,003)**, applicant argues that "Chor patent does not anticipate amended claim 1..."displaying an add icon that is selectable for adding the channel associated with the show currently being displayed when the current channel is not stored in said memory or displaying a remove icon in place of the add icon where the remove icon is selectable to remove the channel...said memory when the current channel is currently stored in said memory ... fails to teach or suggest at least a remove icon...fails to teach or suggest at least alternately displaying icons to add and to remove the current channel from memory dependent upon whether the current channel is already stored in memory..." (see pages 6 of 10- 7 of 10).

In response, Examiner disagrees. Chor discloses displaying various menus, EPG or GUI which appears, when a viewer activates a button on the inputs 56-60 and disappears after a predetermined time based on the user's interaction to the display user inputs 56-60 (col.4, lines 1-16). Chor further discloses where if the user desired to store the current program being viewed in the list of favorite channels, a pop-up menu containing an add icon is displayed upon activation of inputs 56-60, which enables the user to add the current channel to the favorite list (col.5, line 10-39 and col.9, lines 1-

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20). Although Chor fails to explicitly teach a "remove icon," this claimed limitation is an alternate limitation.

With respect to claims 17 and 18, Chor further discloses different menus and a focus that enables sliding from icon-by-con within specific menu to display the program information if located locally (col.7, lines 30-42, col.8, lines 5-18, lines 39-67). Hence applicant's amended claims do not overcome the prior art of records, the 102(e) rejection as being anticipated by **Chor**, is proper and meets all the claimed limitations. This office action is made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-11 and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Chor et al (6,141,003)**.

As to claims 1-2, note **Chor et al** reference figures 2, 3 and 5-7, disclose channel bar user interface for an entertainment system and further disclose method for selectively storing data associated with a broadcast channel capable of being received

and displayed by an entertainment system (Viewer Computing Unit 'VCU' 50), the method comprising:

the claimed "receiving programming data associated with the channel" is met by Receiver (REC) 88 (fig. 3, col. 3, lines 35-56 and col. 4, lines 17-42) which receives conventional television broadcast signals including IPG "programming" data which includes descriptions, etc., associated with the channel from a Broadcast source via wireless data link, Internet, hybrid fiber coax, etc., and displays a current program, TV show, a movie, news, sports, etc., on TV display 62 (fig. 2 and col. 3, lines 57-67);

Chor further teaches displaying IPG 64 (figs. 2 and 4-6) associated with storing of the channel in Memory (MM) 82 (e.g. RAM) including displaying an add icon 132 that is selectable for adding channel(s) Favorite or Watched channel list stored in MM-82 when the current channel is not stored in MM-82 and includes Favorite Channels "a mark" icon that is selectable for listing channels previously selected for adding to MM-88 (figs. 5-7, col. 6, lines 8-col. 7, line 9 and col. 9, lines 1-21); where

a user, uses Remote Control (RC) 56, Mouse 60, Keyboard etc., (col. 3, lines 40-45) to select to load IPG 64 of the channel associated with the TV Show currently being displayed into MM-88 of VCU-50 (a television with a STB) and loads the programming data associated with the channel currently being displayed into MM-88 (col. 3, line 57-col. 4, line 16, col. 5, lines 29-55, line 64-col. 6, line 8 and col. 7, lines 10-55).

As to claim 3, Chor further discloses removing a current channel from the list of stored channels (col. 9, lines 1-21).

As to claim 4, Chor further discloses selecting for display, a list of stored favorite of watched channels and displaying the list of stored channels (fig. 6, line 32-col. 7, line 9).

As to claim 5, Chor further discloses navigating through the list of stored channels (col. 3, lines 57-67 and col. 8, lines 5-18).

As to claim 6, Chor further discloses receiving IPG data comprises a digital bit stream including the IPG data includes sensory data corresponding to the IPG data (figs. 2, 4-7, col. 4, lines 1-16, col. 5, lines 5-col. 6, line 7 and line 45-col. 7, line 9).

As to claim 7, Chor further discloses where adding the IPG data to the favorite list comprises, executing software by CPU 54 (col. 4, lines 17-26), implemented within the VCU 50 produces IPG 64 (figs. 2, 4-7), and selects an option icon of Channel Setting screen to prompt select the channel to add or remove to/from storage in MM-88 (col. 8, line 39-col. 9, line 21).

As to claim 8, Chor further discloses adding or saving the IPG data into MM-88 includes adding the channel number information and source (col. col. 8, line 39-col. 9, line 21)

As to claim 9, Chor further discloses selecting for display, a list of the favorite channels, selecting an option to cause VCU 50 to tune to a channel in the favorite list of the stored favorite channels to display a television program corresponding to the channel (col. 6, line 32-col. 7, line 30).

As to claim 10, Chor further discloses selecting an option to exit IPG to return to the current television programming (fig. 7, col. 8, lines 39-67 and col. 10, lines 7-34).

As to claim 11, note **Chor et al** reference figures 2, 3 and 5-7 disclose channel bar user interface for an entertainment system and further disclose an entertainment system (Viewer Computing Unit 'VCU' 50), the method comprising:

the claimed "a display monitor" is met by TV Display 62 of VCU-50, a television with a STB (fig. 2 and col. 3, lines 35-48);

the claimed "a broadcast receiver coupled to display monitor..." is met by Receiver (REC) 88 (fig. 3, col. 3, lines 35-56 and col. 4, lines 17-42) which is coupled to TV-D 62, the REC-88 includes a front-end unit capable of receiving conventional television broadcast data including IPG "programming" data which includes descriptions, etc., associated with the channel from a Broadcast source or Cable Headend via wireless data link, Internet, hybrid fiber coax, etc., and displays on TV-D 62, a current program, TV show, a movie, news, sports, etc., (fig. 2 and col. 3, lines 57-67), Memory (MM) 88 (e.g. RAM) for storing IPG 64 (figs. 2 and 4-6) associated with channel(s) in MM-82, Central Processing Unit (CPU) 54 coupled to MM-88 and CPU 54 coupled to receive IPG 64 associated with a broadcast channel (fig. 3 and col. 4, lines 17-42), CPU 54 executes a software to load IPG data associated with the channel currently being displayed into MM-88, and displays IPG 64 on TV-D 62, the IPG 64 includes an add icon 132 "first icon" (figs 5-7 and col. 9, lines 1-21) that is selectable to add the current channel to a favorite list of channels stored in MM-82, when the current channel is not included in the favorite channel list and including Favorite Channels "a mark" icon that is selectable for listing channels previously selected for adding to MM-88 (col. 5, lines 29-55, col. 6, lines 8-col. 7, line 9 and col. 7, lines 10-55); where a user of

Remote Control (RC) 56 or Mouse 60, etc., to perform these various functions (col. 3, lines 40-45, line 57-col. 4, line 16).

As to claims 14 and 15, Chor further discloses where VCU 50 includes television receiver or STB and IRD (fig. 3 and col. 3, lines 35-67).

As to claim 16, Chor further discloses where VCU 50 CPU 54 executes software to add the currently displayed channel to the favorite or watched channel list stored in MM-88 when CPU 54 detects a selection of the add icon (col. 6, line 32-col. 7, line 21 and col. 8, line 39-col. 9, line 21).

As to claims 17-20, Chor further discloses where TV-D 62 further comprises various icons that are selectable to display IPG of watched or favorite channels stored in MM-88, which further comprises graphical portion, scrollable, which displays a show corresponding to a channel in the list during scrolling and further includes text portion, which includes a description of TV show corresponding to the channel and where the various icons are selectable to exit the IPG (col. 6, line 32-col. 7, line 21, col. 8, line 39-col. 9, line 21 and line 46-col. 10, line 24).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Vermeire et al (6,874,152) disclose system for accessing content by virtual remote control through mapping channel codes to network addresses.

Gordon et al (2004/0133910) disclose data structure and methods for providing an interactive program guide.

5. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Annan Q. Shang** whose telephone number is **571-272-7355**. The examiner can normally be reached on **700am-400pm**.

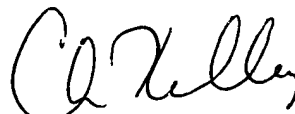
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Christopher S. Kelley** can be reached on **571-272-7331**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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